

## Terse And Not So Terse.

W. Dugan has returned from Ava.

Miss Julia Divan is home from Springfield for the holidays.

F. G. Black was home from Manhattan, Kas., for holidays.

Homer Brown is home from Springfield for the holidays.

Miss Alice Tomblison was home from Mt. Vernon last week.

A. M. Turner and wife of Springfield have been visiting home folks here.

R. B. Rogers of St. Louis spent Christmas with his parents, Dr. R. M. Rogers and wife.

Miss Nell Dennis of Mtn. Grove is visiting at the home of C. L. Turner and family this week.

W. M. Seibert of Champion, Ill., is visiting Walter Schaefer. Mr. Seibert is well pleased with the Ozarks.

Mrs. M. E. West left today for Mammoth Springs, Ark., for a few weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Paul.

C. M. Paxson sold the stock of the Mansfield Furniture Co. at auction Saturday. We understand T. H. Ivy will continue the business at the old stand.

LOST:—One overcoat on road between Hartsville and Mansfield or in Mansfield, pair gloves in pocket. Inquire at Mirror office and get reward.

Mtn. Grove World War veterans will erect a 50 foot flag pole to the memory of the fallen heroes, and the same will be dedicated on Memorial Day.

In the death of Mrs. Mary Findley, whose funeral was held at Pleasant Hill church near Hartsville Tuesday, Wright county lost one of her pioneer citizens. Mrs. Findley was the widow of George Findley who died several years ago. She was born in Wright county eighty years ago and spent her entire life near Mansfield. She was born forty years before the railroad was built through here and Mansfield established.

A crowded house enjoyed the splendid union Sunday School Christmas program at the C. P. church Sunday night. There was a prettily decorated tree and a treat for all and, yes, Santa Claus was there, too, and you can just bet the children and grown ups, too, were mighty glad to see him. His voice sounded a whole lot like Dr. Riley's but his Kris Kringle costume was perfect and he was just as jolly as could be.

W. J. Newton, who lives on rural route number three from Mansfield killed a rabbit which possessed two tails and the freak attracted much attention, when exhibited in Mansfield, since the oldest could not recall ever before having seen a cottontail which could boast of two complete and distinct and caudal appendages. The rabbit was a young one and in all other respects looked just like the thousands of other rabbits who roam o'er the Ozark hills and valleys, seeking what they may devour.

Secretary of Labor, Davis, says there are too many "white collar" men in the U. S. which is the cause of a great deal of our industrial disturbance. He blames, to a great extent, our educational system, which is training the boys that it is disgraceful to do menial labor with the hands. He says what the schools need to teach is vocational work and the trades, and that it is an honor to be dressed in workmen's clothes.

## Duncan-Roy

On Sunday, December 24th, a very pretty wedding occurred at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. Cynthia Duncan, when her second daughter, Miss Lena was united in marriage to Mr. Leonard Roy. Only the members of the family and a few intimate friends were present. Mr. W. C. Reece officiated. After the ceremony all repaired to the dining room where a bountiful feast was spread.

Their many friends extend to them hearty congratulations.

For Sale: 20 acres, a real home all under woven wire, well improved, 1/4 mile from High School, the best bargain in state. Terms if desired.

W. S. Lowry,  
Rogersville, Mo.

According to the recently published financial statements of Wright county's eight state banks, their total resources are approximately two million dollars. This is exclusive of Wright county's national bank, the First National Bank of Mountain Grove. The state banks reporting are the Farmers and Merchants Bank and the Bank of Mansfield; Mansfield; Wright County Bank and Peoples State Bank, Hartsville; Mountain Grove Bank, Mtn. Grove; Ryan Banking Company, Norwood; Grove Spring Bank, Grove Spring; Bank of Manes, Manes.

At a meeting last Tuesday night of the Mansfield Chamber of Commerce in the Nugget Theatre building, several matters were discussed. A report from the tomato cannery was to the effect that Mr. Greer was expected in Mansfield in a very few days to begin the signing up for tomato acreage. The cheese factory was discussed and this matter was turned over to a committee who will get the necessary 300 cows pledged which Mr. Marlatt is asking for. The committee consisted of the following: Dr. A. J. Clark, D. R. Snyder, O. B. Davis, Earl Adell and T. H. Ivy. Arrangements are also being planned to provide for a meeting to be held in Mansfield Jan. 11th, when Messrs. Elcher, Michelson, Fournet and others of the Frisco horticultural extension service, will be here, to discuss the grape growing industry in the Ozarks, and to encourage the planting of more acres around Mansfield.

## PUBLIC SALE.

I will sell at public auction at Mrs. J. W. James residence in the north part of Mansfield, on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, 1923 commencing at 1:00 o'clock p. m. The following described property: 1 one horse wagon, buggy, plows, 5 bushel potatoes, wheel barrow, one 22 repeating rifle, 1 pump, 1 cream separator, 2 bedsteads with springs and mattresses, one folding bed, 5 rocking chairs, 6 other chairs, cook stove and heater, extension table, two dressers, kitchen cabinet, canned fruit and other things not mentioned. Terms cash in hand.

Mrs. J. W. James, Owner.  
ROY R. DENNIS, Auctioneer  
G. C. FREEMAN, Clerk

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By MARTHA B. THOMAS  
"THE Little New Year" is a very eager youngster. He pops into view overnight; in fact, one second's difference is the margin between his being nothing at all and then appearing as something very definite to reckon with. From the minute he elaps his eyes on you, he belongs; he is your "Little New Year" and you've got to decide pretty quickly what to do with him. There is no possible way of escaping this parenthood. He's going to stick to you like a burr for 365 days, every minute, every hour. It's really quite alarming.

Are you going to bring up the little fellow on underdone resolutions?

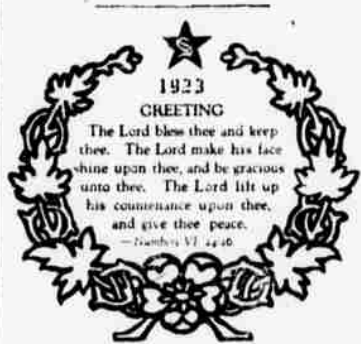
Are you going to make him a present of malnutrition by feeding him on irregular meals of procrastination?

Are you going to ruin his character (and maybe your own) by rows and rows of pleasant lies to prevent a feeling of discomfort about his growing up into a business-scrum boy? Like human children, he needs watching and guiding and discipline. You'll never have the opportunity of "raising" this particular lad again. He will slip from your fingers on the night of December 31—your "Little New Year" grown into whatever manhood you've permitted him.

Let's send him out a fine, sturdy fellow!

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**Liver Medicine**  
(Vegetable)



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ASK YOUR DRUGGIST

## ARKANSAW MEWSINGS

Those who hunt trouble encounter no closed season.

There are times when the loveliest spots on earth look suspiciously like an ace.

There are two things that always attract a crowd: A dead man, and a live snake.

A broken down man trying in vain to "come back" is as sad and a sight as a broken down automobile.

"Christian nation," young feller, is one in which a prize fighter makes more money than a preacher.

It is always said of the best of them: "He is a good man, but—" And he has to die in order to get that word "but" cut off.

When opportunity calls for a girl these days, it has to wait until she gets all her false hair on, and often goes away without her.

John Ruddy's first wife says she has as much trouble getting her allright out of him as she did when she was married to him.

Among the many things that are hard to understand is why a man will shave everything else off his face and leave a goatee on his chin.

Dress reform note from a magazine source: "My love is clad in sublimity, with a rainbow round her brow."—Arkansaw Thomas Cat.

## WOMEN ARE DIFFERENT

Women of India are the most illiterate.

Women of Buenos Aires are the best-dressed women in the world.

Women of Bolivia are superior to the men in energy and intelligence.

Women of Turkey wear more clothing than those of any other country.

Women of the Philippines select sleep in a bed, preferring a mat on the floor.

Women of Brazil consider corpulence an essential point of female beauty.

Women of Siam wear their finger nails very long and have them tipped with silver.

**POULTRY**  
GUINEAS FAVOR FREE RANGE  
Fowls Can Be Depended Upon to Pick Up Considerable Portion of Their Food.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Most guinea fowls allow their breeding stock free range of the entire farm at all times, and this helps to keep the birds strong and vigorous. During the winter the broilers should have been fed a grain mixture of corn, wheat and oats twice a day, and where no green feed was available, vegetable cakes, such as potatoes, turnips, beets and cabbage. Annual feed is essential to best results and can be supplied by feeding meat scrap or skimmed milk. Given free range, where the supply of natural feed during the winter and early spring are ample, as it usually is in the southern portion of the United States, the guinea can be left to pick up a considerable part of their feed, say poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Free access to grit, charcoal, and oyster shell is necessary throughout the breeding season. Avoid having the broilers too fat, but keep them in good, firm flesh.

Like quail and most other wild birds guinea fowls in their wild state mate in pairs, and this tendency prevails among domesticated guineas, also, provided the males and females are equal in number. As the breeding season approaches, one pair after another separates from the remainder of the flock and ranges off in the fields in search of a suitable nesting place. Once mated this way, the male usually remains with his mate throughout the laying season, standing guard some where near the nest while the hen is laying and ready to warn her of any approaching danger.

However, it is not necessary to mate them in pairs under domestic conditions to secure fertile eggs, and most breeders keep but one male for every three or four females. When mated in this way the hens are more apt to lay near home, and several usually lay in the same nest, thus making it much easier to find the nests and gather the eggs.

While guineas can be kept in the best breeding condition upon free



Guineas Can Be Confined if Necessary, But They Do Best When Given Free Range.

range, still they can be confined, if necessary, and satisfactory results obtained.

tailed. One extensive guinea raiser has confined as many as 45 hens and 15 males in an acre pen throughout the breeding and laying season and been successful. This pen is inclosed with a wire fence five feet high, and the birds are prevented from flying over by clipping the tight feathers of one wing. Within the pen is a grass pasture with bushes here and there where the hens make their nests by scratching out a bowl-shaped hollow in the ground. The winters being severe, a roosting shed is provided, having a slanted board reaching from the floor to the roosts for the wing-clipped birds to walk up.

## CUTTINGS FROM BUSH FRUITS

Best Results Are Obtained With Currants and Gooseberries if Work Is Done in Fall.

When there's a currant bush that bears desirable fruit it is easy to multiply it by cuttings. Even the gooseberry, at least some varieties will occasionally root in this way, but it will be more reliable if multiplied by layers, which means by laying the branches down to moist earth, with the tips sticking out to keep the branches growing till they have struck root and are ready to be parted from the parent bush.

Cutting of these fruits are best made and planted in the fall as soon as the leaves have dropped. Seven inches is the usual length, but may be much shorter, and quite likely to grow. Stick to the top bud in beds about three inches apart in rows something over a foot apart and mulch heavily at once. Let them grow one year in such beds and then transplant to their permanent garden rows. For such cuttings use only wood of the current season's growth and do not expect them to grow as freely as the willow or poplar.

## BASKET USEFUL FOR PICKING

Half-Bushel Receptacle Is Good to Avoid Bruising Fruit—Hook on Handle Is Handy.

A half-bushel basket is a very good receptacle for picking the fruit in to avoid bruising the fruit. Such a basket should have a hook attached to the handle for hanging on the ladder or tree limb. Great care should be taken in emptying the fruit into the barrel as bruised fruit will not bring the top market price. Carefully picked and handled fruit will bring the top market price provided all other troubles are kept under control during the growing season. Often a fruit grower will use great care in growing fruit, but will lose the full benefits of his work by allowing careless picking.

## GEESSE ARE QUITE PECULIAR

Different From Other Fowls as They Must Be Mated Previous to Breeding Season.

Geese are peculiar animals. They ought to be mated several months prior to the breeding season to obtain the best results; therefore breeding stock should be bought in the fall, all changes in matings made then. Matings are not changed from year to year unless results are unsatisfactory. And this is the peculiar feature of it. If the matings are changed, it is necessary, usually, to keep the previously mated geese so far apart they cannot hear each other.

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**New Year Wishes**  
By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD  
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**ASSURANCE**  
WHAT the year may bring  
Of things not understood,  
We cannot see that everything  
Will have to serve our good.  
We may go on with joyous tread  
And not a single thing to dread.

**SOMETHING NEW**  
MAY the year be a new year,  
Across the land and the sea,  
Thank God for something young and new!  
And may this new leaf of time's page,  
This fair addition to our age,  
Be filled with happy wit and sage!

**WINTER TWENTY-THREE**  
MAY the New Year be a new year,  
With strands of blue and gold larvae,  
Things high and precious, far and fine,  
To serve, inspire, delight and shine!

**New Year's Eve**

And here we stand again on the  
Borderland of Welcome and  
Good-bye. There is so little be-  
tween them, and so much either  
side of them.

When the great bell of time  
strikes the midnight hour, and  
1922 passes into the land of long  
ago, there is one simple resolu-  
tion that we can all make with  
pretty good surety that we can  
keep it till the next midnight  
chimes—that we will be a better  
man or woman in the next year  
than in the last.

That won't be a hard resolution  
to fulfill in some degree, and if  
everyone is even a little better,  
there will be a heap more good-  
ness, kindness, success and love  
in the world when 1923 rings out  
than there is now.

The untold year brings with it  
another chance for all—a chance  
to make good where we have  
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what we have counted as failures  
in the year that is passing out.  
The old year has been a difficult  
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One of the best things that we  
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When the solemn, happy bells  
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the last day of the year is called the  
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A correspondent who attended one of  
these quaint ceremonies, writes:

The priest lifted high the host and  
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"My children, God in his goodness  
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